Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 at 12:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery weather and colder for a time, then milder with often wet weather from later Saturday, but low for timing of rain on Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 25 Mar 2021: Dull start with some showery rain, mountain snow and hill fog, then brighter in afternoon but with some heavier showers, perhaps prolonged in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow	Heavy snow	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	60%	60%	50%	50%	60%	60%

Forecast for Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Weather: Clear spells and the odd shower in the early hours, then clouding over later in the night with occasional rain with snow above 700m. This leads into a mostly cloudy morning, with further occasional rain, with the snow level 700m rising 900m. Somewhat brighter in the afternoon and early evening with a few sunny intervals but with some heavy showers passing through, these still of snow on the Munro tops. Some more prolonged showers in the west after dark with some heavy snow on the tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% until late morning then 50% in afternoon and falling 30% in the evening.

Visibility: Moderate, perhaps poor in the morning. General visibility then improving by the afternoon but heavier showers will bring poor visibility at times. Cloud: Layered around 400-600m with lower patches at first with very poor summit visibility, then becoming slightly more more broken bases generally rising 750-900m with a few patches to 500m near showers. Bases falling in the west in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	33/42 SW	31/40 SW	32/42 SW	33/44 SW	33/45 SW	36/51 SW	37/51 SW	37/51 S	38/53 S
900	32/41 SW	30/39 SW	31/41 SW	32/43 SW	32/44 SW	35/49 SW	35/49 SW	35/49 S	35/50 S
600	22/31 SW	20/30 SW	21/31 SW	23/34 SW	24/37 SW	26/41 SW	26/39 SW	25/40 S	25/41 S
300	7/29 SW	7/29 SW	8/30 SW	10/34 SW	12/36 SW	13/42 SW	11/39 SW	12/39 S	11/40 S
Glen	10/24 SW	11/26 SW	11/26 S	16/33 SW	17/34 SW	18/38 SW	17/36 S	18/39 S	18/39 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10	-1/-9	1/-7	1/-7	1/-8	0/-8	-0/-9
900	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-9	0/-8	1/-6	2/-6	1/-6	1/-7	0/-8
600	1/-5	2/-4	1/-5	2/-4	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	3/-4
300	4/1	4/1	3/0	4/1	6/3	6/3	6/3	5/1	5/1
Glen	6/3	6/3	6/2	7/3	9/6	9/5	8/5	8/3	7/3
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit winds could be 10mph higher than the table shows in the west later.

Forecast for Friday 26 Mar 2021
Weather: A spell of heavier rain with snow on the Munro tops overnight, clearing to showers later in night and turning to snow at most levels. Occasional showers during the day with some on the heavy side, with snow falling down to 400m and occasionally wintry to lower levels. Snow showers down to 200m in the evening.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 50 gusts 75mph in early hours then 40 gusts 55 mph during the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight then 40% by day.

Visibility: Very poor overnight. By day occasionally good but falling poor, perhaps briefly very poor in snow showers. Cloud by day broken at 600-800m but falling 500m in showers with the odd lower patch

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 at daybreak rising to Plus 6 between showers by day then dipping to zero in the evening.
At 800m: Plus 2 at midnight falling to Minus 2 by morning. Temperatures fluctuating by day as showers pass through and the sunshine returns between them.
Freezing level: Above summits at midnight falling to 400m by morning, then fluctuating around that level during the day

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